

29<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Advent Sunday

St. MARY'S  
Newsletter



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning.

There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome either to leave their children or stay with them.

Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.

An induction loop is available for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

Toilets, including disabled and nappy changing facilities are situated at the west end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

### This Morning's Worship

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Music	Steve, Yo
	Readings	Margaret I
	Prayers	Elaine C
	Steward	Veronica

### Collect For Advent Sunday

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us  
in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious  
majesty to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with  
you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Advent Tea

**This afternoon 4.00pm** Advent Tea at the vicarage plus some Christmas songs to learn and enjoy.

### Ready Steady SLOW

"CARE for the world — it's the only one we have," Archbishop Desmond Tutu appealed yesterday in the videocast that launched the C of E's online Advent calendar.

Each day offers a video story from a different diocese or agency and is a challenge to change the world. They range from the Archbishop of Canterbury's reflections on the Copenhagen summit to the Chief Rabbi's suggestions for "sabbath moments". Each one has an accompanying Bible passage and prayer.

[www.whyarewewaiting.com](http://www.whyarewewaiting.com)

### Diary Dates

**Sunday 13th December 10.30am:** Christingle family service and 9.30am communion,

**Saturday 19th December 10.30am:** Carols on Lansdowne

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm:** Carols by Candlelight;

**Christmas Day 10.30am:** Christmas Family Celebration.

### Activities For Kids

The Oakes Christian Activity Centre runs an annual "**Discipleship weekend**" for kids involved in local churches. This year they will be held on 4-6th December for 8-11yr olds; **27 -29th November** for 11-15's and **11-13th December** for 14 - 18 yrs. Karen has booking forms but Lydia, Hannah, Josh and Bryony have all stayed there so speak to them for inside information or look at their website [www.oakes.org.uk](http://www.oakes.org.uk) .

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## Upcoming Concerts

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**Saturday 12th December 7.00pm:** The Philharmonic Carol Concert featuring the Black Dyke Mills Brass Band City Hall

## St Mary's Youth

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A new group for our older teenagers has just started. The plan is to meet every other week on a Sunday evening in St Mary's cafe.

Please pray for Hannah, Francine, Josh, Cedric and Lydia and also for the (temporary ?) hosts, Andy and Penny.

The aim of the group is for "chillin' and prayin' " in an environment of time and space that isn't available on a Sunday morning.

If anyone would like to volunteer to make a cake for any future sessions, that would be "cool"-please speak to Penny or Andy

Other plans are afoot and we shall keep you informed as things develop.

## The Wave - 5th December 2010

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The UK's biggest ever climate change demonstration.

On Saturday 5 December 2009, ahead of the crucial UN climate summit in Copenhagen, tens of thousands of people from all walks of life will flow through the streets of London to demonstrate their support for a safe climate future for all.

Part of a global series of public actions, The Wave will call on world leaders to take urgent action to secure a fair international deal to stop global warming exceeding the danger threshold of 2 degrees C.

The Wave, organised by the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition, will show mass support by people from all backgrounds for a better, low carbon future for the UK and the world.

There are coaches being organised very cheaply from sheffield (a 500 seater train from Yorkshire is already full) . See Steve if you're interested in going.

On a similar subject, **Sunday 13 December** marks the height of the negotiations in Copenhagen. To echo our concern and to encourage us all to rise to this challenge, churches around the world are going to ring their bells 350 times. Starting at 15.00 in the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific, where the day first begins and where the effects of climate change

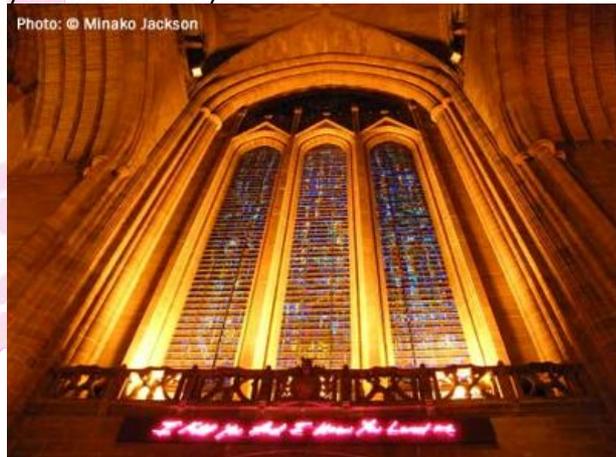
are already felt today, we will create a chain of chimes and prayers stretching in a line to northern Europe and across the globe, each Church ringing at 15.00, local time. For more information and to find out why 350 follow <http://www.bellringing350.org>

## Stained Glass With Text

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Tracey Emin has just won an award for the (pink neon striplight) lettering she designed to go beneath a stained glass window in Liverpool Cathedral.

The text, in her own handwriting, reads "I felt you and I knew you loved me".



Just a thought, Julian / Archbishop John.

## Sheffield Diocesan Vision Statement

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*The Diocese of Sheffield is called to grow a diverse network of Christ-like, lively and sustainable Christian communities in every place, which are effective in making disciples and in seeking to transform our society and God's world*

## Next Week – 6th December

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### 10.30am - Parish communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: John & Margaret I (stewards); Jon, Yo (music); Michael K (readings).

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